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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LOPEZ' LETTER OF NOVEMBER 25 TO PRESIDENT
CARTER

REF: STATE 286155

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ' FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE SUBSTANCE OF
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER REFLECTS THE LACK OF PROGRESS TO DATE
TOWARD REORGANIZATION OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WITHIN A SINGLE
CIVILIAN AGENCY. IN THE ABSENCE OF FAVORABLE TIDINGS ON THIS
ISSUE, PRESIDENT LOPEZ APPARENTLY TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY
TO PRESIDENT CARTER HIS THOUGHTS ON HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS ABOUT
WHICH, JUDGING BY PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS, HE
FEELS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN.

2. DRAFT LEGISLATION TO CREATE A JUDICIAL POLICE FORCE, IN
WHICH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN CENTRALIZED, PASSED
THE SENATE BUT IS STILL BOGGED DOWN IN THE CHAMBER. AN ALTERNATE
POSSIBILITY TO CREATE AN AD HOC ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION UNDER
THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL MATAALLANA, HAS RUN INTO TROUBLE DUE
TO MATAALLANA'S REFUSAL THUS FAR TO ACCEPT SUCH A POSITION.
PRESIDENT LOPEZ IS REPORTED TO BE CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO
PERSUADE MATAALLANA TO TAKE THE JOB AND TO HAVE SHOWN PRESIDENT
CARTER'S LETTER TO MATAALLANA TO PERSUADE HIM OF ITS IMPORTANCE.

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3. LOPEZ' NON RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S CENTRAL POINT
WAS CLEARLY NOT A RESULT OF ANY PIQUE OVER A HYPOTHETICAL
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL MATTERS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE TONE AND
SUBSTANCE OF HIS LETTER, AS WELL AS HIS USE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
LETTER WITH MATAALLANA.
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